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Chief, Economic Research, RR

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Assistant Director for Research and Reports

Request for Study on Current Trends in Soviet Economy

1. In referring the attached cable No. 532 from Moscow to this Office, the DD/I asked that super priority be given to the preparation of a scholarly analytical study of current trends in the Soviet economy which will indicate the impact of changes that are being reported so extensively by the Soviets at the present time. He is particularly interested in the meaning of the shifts that are taking place and the degree to which cut-backs are real and will affect the various sectors of the economy. He indicated that something within the general scope of RR-23 would be in order and mentioned the near, mid and long-term effect of these shifts on growth of the Soviet economy. Involved in this would be the effects over a three or five-year period.

2. The DD/I felt that, in view of the general interest on this problem, ORR should make every effort to come up with the first definitive job issuing from the US intelligence community. It is for this reason that he has placed such a high priority on the proposed project and feels that it definitely should supersede in importance other projects such as EIC-P-6 which has to do with hot-war capabilities.

3. A carefully prepared outline of scope and content is desired by the DD/I early next week.

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